

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A restrictive device implanted in the upper part of the stomach, selectively
5 divides the stomach into two chambers, effectively reducing the size of the stomach
immediately available for the uptake of food. The restrictive device also includes an
aperture, limiting the rate at which food can pass from the esophagus portion of the
stomach into the intestine. Being removable, the device permits a physician to change
the size of the opening in a minimally invasive manner by replacing a removable
10 member with another member having an aperture of a different size and/or shape. The
restrictive device can also be combined with an elongated tube, or sleeve to selectively
bypass the stomach, a portion of the intestine, or a combination of bypassing both the
stomach and a portion of the intestine, allowing a physician to endoscopically create an
equivalent to the Roux-en-y weight loss procedure.

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